

United States Marshals Service



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U.S. Marshals arrest Philadelphia Most Wanted Fugitive in Portland, OR

This afternoon, January 5, 2006, Edward Johnson, one of Philadelphia's most wanted fugitives was arrested in Portland, Oregon by U.S. Marshals. Johnson, age 23, was wanted on several warrants which included an attempt to commit murder, aggravated assault, and related firearms violations issued on August 26, 2005 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On August 22, 2005 Edward Johnson is alleged to have approached a man on foot near 3400 N Lee Street Philadelphia, PA and shot him several times with a handgun. The victim who was seated in a chair near a street corner, sustained multiple gunshot wounds to the neck and back. The Philadelphia Police Department is an active partner with the U.S. Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force and requested assistance in locating this suspect

Recently, Deputy U.S. Marshals learned that Johnson may be residing in the Portland, Oregon and began to check locations in the SE Portland area. During surveillance Johnson was observed as the passenger of a vehicle leaving a residence located at 1129 NE 69th Avenue Portland, Oregon. Johnson was arrested without incident near the intersection of SE Ash Street and SE 75th Avenue. Johnson is scheduled for an initial appearance and detention hearing before a Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge tomorrow. He will then be returned to Philadelphia, PA to face the state charges. For more information about this specific case go to; www.ppdonline.org/det_most.php

The U.S. Marshals Service is the nation's oldest federal law enforcement agency. Annually, U.S. Marshals arrest more than 50 percent of all federal fugitives and serve more federal warrants than all other federal law enforcement agencies combined. Last year, U.S. Marshals cleared over 38,000 federal fugitive warrants and cleared an additional 45,000 state and local fugitive warrants through USMS co-operative task forces. For more information go to www.usmarshals.gov